

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

April 2, 2025

In Attendance: Kathy Jones-Husch, Becca Innes, Samantha Wilk, Patty Wright, Rennie Arik, Amanda Kada

Online: Tracy Bozzi

Regrets: Catherine Furukawa, Loan Cao-Dutch

- 1) Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 6:35pm
- 2) Opening Prayer - lead by Samantha Wilk
- 3) Introductions -
- 4) Approval of Agenda - Approval of the agenda by Samantha Wilk seconded by Amanda Kada. Carried.
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2025 - Approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting by Patty Wright, seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried
- 6) Business from the Minutes - Monies from the school engagement funds suggested bringing in a professional speaker to speak regarding ADHD, looking at Monday May 12th, or Wednesday May 14th. 7-8:30 pm.
- 7) Principal's Report - [see attached principal's report](#)
- 8) Finance report - Samantha Wilk shared the financial report
- 9) Reports
 - a) Hot Lunch - D spot this month and Opa for the last hot lunch of the year
 - b) Social and Wellness
 - not very many people showed up for the pool night. A great time was had by those that did make it.
 - Friday April 11th is the spring dance night.
 - May 2025 we are planning a spring bingo for families to do and submit.
 - Plans for next school year, maybe a Carnival for October of 2025.
 - c) Fundraising - No report at this time
 - d) Gift - No report at this time - Card for Lulu, and the Chatterton family. Will need to look into any students who will receive sacraments this year.
 - e) Spring Fundraiser - Saturday May 24th, 2025 tickets are \$50.00 per ticket.
- 10) Date of 2024-2025 Regular Meetings
 - a) May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025
- 11) Adjournment - motion by Samantha Wilk to adjourn at 7:59.

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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April 2025 Principal's Report

Offered by Kathy Jones-Husch on behalf of the Staff of St. Patrick Fine Arts School



General Information to Share

- you may know that CUPE 1825 (office, library and EA staff), CUPE 290 (Caretaking) and ATA (teachers) are in bargaining. CUPE locals are bargaining locally and teachers are bargaining provincially.

NEW: *Teachers will vote on a mediator's recommended agreement May 2-5.* There is always hope that the parties will come to agreements that serve everyone involved to have their needs met in good faith with the resources available. In the event of job action, our Superintendent and I will relay information to parents about how that will impact school. Please watch for more information; there is always a lot of stuff flying around, but the truth is available through the correct channels.

- Formed.org sign up is possible as members of our school community. There are many great family and personal resources there for faith formation. Go to www.formed.org and use the code 3FT2YD to log in.

- GrACE stands for *Graceful Advocates for Catholic Education* and is a hub for capturing Catholic Education happenings and priorities in our province. We must stand up loudly for the difference Catholic Education makes. Please consider following their work on Social Media. They have a new website, too: <https://www.gracealberta.org/home>.

Feedback and Engagement

- Boundary engagement meetings were done this past week; March 27 (St. Teresa of Calcutta) and March 31 (FLVT). Parents are encouraged to complete the survey shared via e-mail. The board will make decisions before year end and announce decisions in September so there is 1 year before implementation time. We have the proposal posters up in our library for anyone to come for a closer look.

- the school division is building a survey for parents and for teachers about Spaces and it will be out likely in early May. Your feedback will help to guide future plans and is very important, as all schools and families are having different experiences.

- we have been invited to be part of a School Travel Planning initiative spearheaded by the City of Lethbridge, LPS, school divisions, and other safety partners. The first virtual get together was to lay the framework, and more info is coming. If you would like to be part of a committee dedicated to collecting data, providing insights, etc. please let me know. I am hoping for a way to have a few interested gr 5 or 6 students involved, too. This has been done for other schools already, including Nicholas Sheran, as a way to improve the safety of the roads around schools.

- School Council Engagement Grant - we should decide on how to use this year's grant money. Samantha Wilk provided contact information on a speaker who can talk with parents about ADHD (and

school staff, too) and we had other ideas, including Shaun Davies from LPS (retired) to talk about cyber safety.

- 'Anxious Generation' get together set for April 10 is in Taber. I apologize - I have asked if there will be a session in Lethbridge this year.

- Running Club planning is going on; should be able to start Wednesday, April 8 with Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and possibly add some lunch recesses, too. Any parents are invited to help as volunteers/counters/cheerleaders. Little Souls Marathon is on Wednesday, May 28.

Upcoming Events this Month and Beyond

April 8 - Choir concert to wrap up the year - 6:30 start and all are welcome. Big thanks to Stacy Skretting and her accompanist Helena for another successful year.

April 18 - 27 - Easter break - please be sure to check your parish/church calendars to learn about the many mass or service opportunities through Holy Week.

May 1 - Learning Through the Arts Festival - an evening to celebrate all of the arts learning the kids have done. There will be live performances, gallery walks and interactive displays.

May 7 - next School Council meeting